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1-1 Cav rides to the rescue!



An M1A1 Abrams tank rolls through the woodline searching for the dreaded OPFOR as 1-1 Cav and SETAF team up to throw back the guardian forces of CMTC in Hohenfels, Germany. See pages eight and nine for more information.

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Cover: Second Brigade soldiers rush to confront mounting tensions in Mountain Guardian IV, a Mission Rehearsal Exercise designed to put soldiers through the rigors of a "worst day in Kosovo." See pages 4 and 5 for more information. Photos by Cpl. Gregory F. Withrow. Image by Kerri Schools.

October was another great month for Iron Soldiers!

On a special note, for those great soldiers who were the target training audience, I want you to remember what you learned to do right in the "replicated" Kosovo at Hohenfels. The training scenarios you underwent were based on past experiences in Kosovo and potential situations you may encounter.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team continued its great work in Kosovo and received visits from the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Shinseki, the FORSCOM commander, Gen. Hendrix and the XVIII Airborne Corps commander, Lt. Gen. McNeill.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team did a magnificent job in a tough Mission Rehearsal Exercise and completed a series of deployment rock drills to prepare for Kosovo. They are well prepared and ready to go.

Fourth Brigade, DIVARTY, DIVENG and the Division Headquarters and separate battalions participated in a demanding, corps-level exercise with the ACE Rapid Reaction Corps – the first since 1994. And the great DISCOM kept us all rolling!

In this issue, you'll read about the Blackhawks' Heavy-Light rotation with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the stand up of the division's newest battalion, 1-94 Field Artillery(MLRS), and the best Mission Rehearsal Exercise that USAREUR has run to date – more stories about how the skilled, fit, and disciplined soldiers and leaders of this

great team are sustaining their warfighting skills and preparing for important national missions.

Congratulations to our Army 10-miler team – nine superbly-fit young men and women who took 14th place out of over 600 teams; and to all of our Reenlistment NCOs for the colossal job they did keeping over 1,250 Iron Soldiers in the Army. The division finished the year at 136 percent and 141 percent of mission for first term and career soldiers respectively.

The bombing of the USS Cole is a harsh reminder of the risks that United States service men and women

abroad are subject to in serving their country. I ask that you remember the sailors and families of the USS Cole in



your thoughts and prayers over the next weeks, particularly those 17 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

IRON SOLDIERS!

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